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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Taiji EMA

Serial No.: 09/050,113

Group Art Unit: 2815

Filed: March 30, 1998

Examiner: C. WHITEHEAD JR.

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED June 5, 1998

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: July 1, 1998

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated June 5, 1998.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), claims 1 - 14 drawn to a semiconductor device; and Group (II), claims 15 - 21 and 27 - 33, drawn to a method of making semiconductor devices.

Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group (I), claims 1 - 14 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC §120 and 35 USC §121 are retained.

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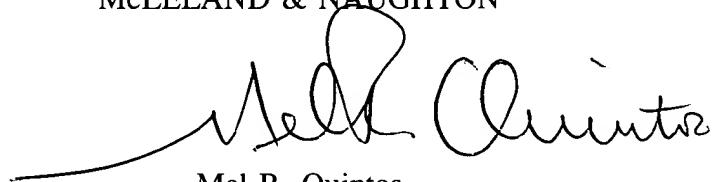
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